HEY.

NO MATTER HOW MANY BOWLS OF THIS LIGHT RICE PORRIDGE I EAT, I'M NOT GETTING FULL.

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO, USHI. WE KEEP HAVING A BAD CROP.

AND AFTER THE LAND TAX, WE ARE LEFT WITH NOTHING.

RIGHT AWAY.

GIVE ME ANOTHER BOWL, CHIYO.

WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT?

I TOLD YOU I DON'T KNOW.

DUNNO.

WHEN ARE YOU COMING BACK?

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?

I'M GOING TO SURVIVE UNTIL THE NEXT CROP.

I CAN'T BE PICKY ABOUT THE JOBS THAT I TAKE, IDIOT!

YOU SHOULD STOP BITCHING ABOUT EVERYTHING.

BESIDES, BROTHER, WHEN YOU'RE CUT, THIS PLACE LACKS A MALE HELPING HAND.

THEN, YOU SHOULD PASS ON THIS JOB...

WELL, IT DOESN'T SIT WELL WITH ME TO WORK UNDER A COCKY SAMURAI. YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I HATE THEM.

I SAID, I'D BE SERVING A SAMURAI!

THEN I'LL GET MARRIED!

HEY!

USH!

OH, ICHIZOU!

HUH?

YOU ALSO GOT EMPLOYED BY THE SAMURAI CALLED SHIMADA-SAMA?

APPARENTLY HE MADE THE PEOPLE CARRY BAGS OR SOMETHING.

YEAH.

WHAT ELSE? DID HE GATHER THE PEASANTS AT THE KAMIDZWA VILLAGE AS WELL?

SINCE YOU'RE CARRYING LUGGAGE, ARE YOU WITH US?
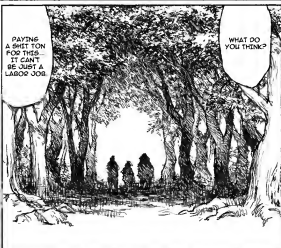
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

PAYING A SHIT TON FOR THIS. IT CAN'T BE JUST A LABOR JOB.

SOUNDS SUSPICIOUS, BUT...

IT PAYS WELL, AFTER ALL.

IT WASN'T NECESSARY TO KILL HIM...

I'VE HEARD THAT HE GOT KILLED.

OH YEAH. I FELT SORRY FOR GYUUZOU WHO GOT SLASHED.

HE'S PLANNING SOME-THING.

DUNNO, BUT THAT SHIMADA GUY...

MM-HM.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SUSPI-CIOUS?

WHAT IS HE PLANNING FOR US PEASANTS TO DO?

NO MATTER HOW HARD A PEASANT WORKS, HE CAN'T COPY A SAMURAI. THAT'S HOW THIS SOCIETY WORKS.

THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT.

NOBODY COULD BEAT HIM IN A FIGHT.

HE WAS A GRAND CHAMPION OF HIS VILLAGE, AFTER ALL.

YEAH! WE ALL WOULDN'T LOSE TO THE STRONGEST SAMURAI!

EH?

THAT AIN'T OKAY, BOO USH!

HM?

YOU'RE JESTING...

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.

THE AIR IS SURE NICE IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE.

OH, SHEESH.

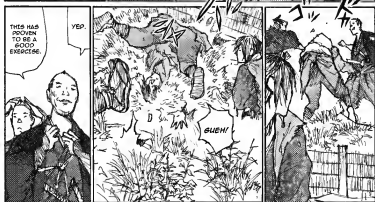KOJIMA AND THE OTHERS ARE SINDING, TOO.

FUCKING SAMURAIS!

GET LOST ALREADY!

HEY, PEASANTS.

INDEED.

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

MILORD.

CAN WE REACH SHIRONUSA'S SAKURA BY FOLLOWING THIS WAY?

I'VE A QUESTION

DON'T STRAY FROM THE ROAD MIDWAY AND YOU WILL BE THERE.

YES, MILORD. YOU HAVE TO GO THIS WAY.

I HOPE YOU DON'T TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY.

YOU'RE VERY HOSPITABLE PEASANTS.

I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING DECENT TO GIVE.

I SEE.

MM-HM.

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GLH!

EH?

BRO!

WHAT... YONEKICHI! USH!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

GUEH!

IF YOU DISRESPECT YOUR LORD, I'LL SLASH YOU.

THIS HAS PROVEN TO BE A GOOD EXERCISE.

YEP.

GUEH!

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT. HEHEHE.

UESUGI-SAMA, WE WILL BE LATE. IF WE DON'T GET GOING.

UGH.

ALRIGHT. I'M IM-PRESSED! YOU WERE ALL ON TIME HERE.

THAT'S ALL OF YOU?

STAND UP AND ANSWER WHEN I CALL YOU OUT.

I'LL READ OUT YOUR NAME AND VILLAGE, THEN.

HERE.

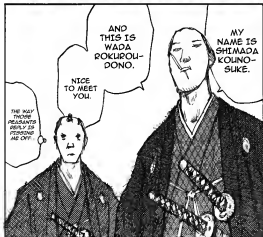OOSONE VILLAGE, -WASA-BUROU.

HEERE!

TOGASAKI VILLAGE, SENTA.

HERE!

USHI-GOROU.

MISASHI-ICHINOE VILLAGE,

AND THIS IS WADA ROKUROU-DONO.

MY NAME IS SHIMADA KOUNO-SUKE.

IT MAKES TEN OF YOU.
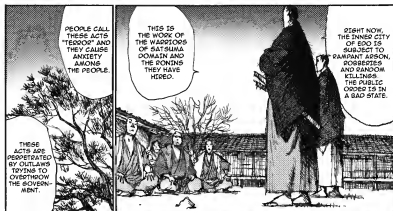
THAT'S ALL.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

THE WAY THESE PEASANTS REPLY IS PISSING ME OFF.

DURING YOUR EMPLOYMENT, IT'S PROHIBITED TO LEAVE THIS RESIDENCE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

IF YOU DISOBEY OUR ORDERS WE WILL...

I'LL SAY THIS FROM THE BEGINNING. DON'T EXPECT TO RETURN HOME FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

IF IT TAKES LONGER, WE WILL COMPENSATE YOU FOR EACH DAY, SO DON'T WORRY.

...KILL YOU

I'LL EXPLAIN WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.

NOW, BACK TO BUSINESS.

PEOPLE CALL THESE ACTS "TERROR" AND THEY CAUSE ANXIETY AMONG THE PEOPLE.

THIS IS THE WORK OF THE WARLORDS OF SATSUMA DOMAIN AND THE RONINS THEY HAVE HIDED.

RIGHT NOW, THE INNER CITY OF EDO IS SUBJECT TO RAMPANT ARSON, ROBBERIES AND RANDOM KILLINGS. THE PUBLIC ORDER IS IN A BAD STATE.

THESE ACTS ARE PERPETRATED BY OUTLAWS TRYING TO SYSTEMATICALLY OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT.

YEAH.

ALTHOUGH IT'S PEACEFUL IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

I'VE HEARD OF THIS.

EH?

TO STRIKE THEM DOWN AND BRING JUSTICE.

YOUR JOB WILL BE,

...OF SATSUMA?

WE WILL FIGHT AGAINST THE SAMURAI...

NO NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT THAT.

IF PEASANTS LIKE US ATTACK SAMURAIS...

WE'RE AN OFFICIAL SQUADRON RECOGNIZED BY THE SHOGUNATE.

THE GOVERNOR PERSONALLY ORDERED ME TO GATHER YOU PEASANTS.

WE WILL BE EXECUTED, THOUGH...

YOU, THE SHORT ONE.

HEY, YOU.

HATE SAMURAIS?

OO YOU

USHIGOROU IS THE NAME.

A-AYE.

TSK.

NO SHIT. OF COURSE I HATE THEM...

...

WELL? YOU CAN'T ANSWER?

I'D HATE THEM SO MUCH, THAT I COULDN'T STOP KILLING THEM.

IF I WERE A PEASANT,

HMPH. COWARD.

WELL...

THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO FORGET THE TROUBLES YOU USUALLY HAVE.

HAVEN'T YOU THOUGHT ABOUT KILLING THEM AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE?

THEY TAKE AWAY WHAT YOU HAVE WORKED SO HARD ON WITH THE PRETEXT OF "LAND TAX."

AND ON TOP OF THAT THEY ARE ARROGANT AND RUB IT INTO YOUR FACE.

I HAVEN'T!

AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'LL RECEIVE TWO GOLD!

YOU MIGHT BE BESTOWED THE STATUS OF A SAMURAI.

EH?

IT MEANS, DEPENDING ON YOUR WORK,

THE GOVERNOR HAS HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF YOU.

ALTHOUGH YOU'RE JUST PEASANTS, YOUR UNUSUAL STRENGTH IS PROMISING.

YOU WILL BECOME A REAL SAMURAI.

IN OTHER WORDS,

I WON'T FORCEFULLY EMPLOY ANY COWARDS WHO REJECT THIS JOB DESPITE SUCH FAVORABLE CONDITIONS.

I'LL LET YOU SLEEP OVER THIS.

SAMURAI?

SA...

WE WILL?

YOU'RE DISMISSED.

THAT'S ALL?

. . . . .

WE WILL BECOME... SAMURAIS...

PIPE DOWN, HE'LL HEAR YOU!

HEY, SO WHAT DO WE DO?

AYE!

GATHER UP HERE AT 6 A.M. BEFORE THE DAYBREAK.

THE FOOD IS READY.

I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU TO YOUR QUARTERS.

I'VE BEEN ORDERED TO SERVE HIM. MY NAME IS YOKICHI CHUUMON.

I'VE MADE ENOUGH FOOD TILL TOMORROW.

YOU CAN EAT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
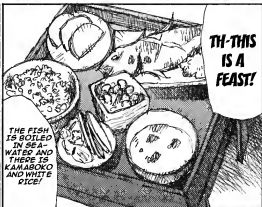
TH-THIS IS A FEAST!

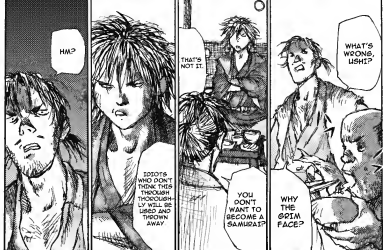THE FISH IS BOILED IN SEA-WATER AND THERE IS KAMABOKO AND WHITE RICE!

SO... WHAT ARE YOU GUYS GONNA DO?

ARE YOU ACCEPTING THIS JOB, SHINBEI?

UGAAH! YOU BASTARD!
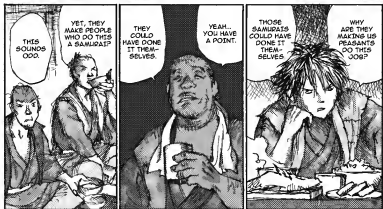
COWARDS AREN'T CUT OUT TO BE SAMURAIS!

YOU AREN'T CAUTIOUS, YOU'RE JUST SCARED!

CUT IT OUT, USHI.

TO MOVE UP ON THE LADDER, YOU CAN'T JUST USE BRUTE FORCE. YOU HAVE TO USE YOUR HEAD FOR THAT.

THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF SAMU-RAIS!

WHAT?

AND WHAT'S THE POINT AN IDIOT LIKE YOU BECOMES A SAMURAI?

IF YOU THINK WORKING ON THE FIELD IS GOOD, WHAT DO YOU CALL A SAMURAI WHO STANDS ON THE TOP?

WHEN YOU BECOME A SAMURAI, YOU CAN EAT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.

SO, YOU'RE OVER-THINKING THIS.

YEAH!

RIGHT! USH, YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH.

EVERYONE IS AGREEING WITH ME.

YOU'RE THE ONLY IDIOT HERE.

SEE, USHI?

THEN, ICHIZOU... ARE YOU SAYING THAT IT'S OKAY FOR SAMURAIS TO PICK ON PEASANTS?!

BRO, STOP IT.

ARE YOU SAYING IT'S CORRECT, JUST BECAUSE EVERYONE SAYS THAT?

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, ICHIZOU?!

WHAT?

HWOP...

EVERYONE SAYS THAT'S NORMAL.

BH...

AH... THE POOL!

B-BRO. CALM DOWN.

YOU'RE ANNOYING. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, SPIT IT OUT!

ALRIGHT, I'LL SPIT IT OUT!

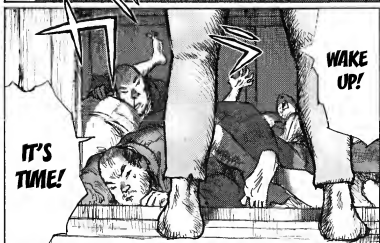THE ONES WHO FINISHED FIRST ENTER THE BATH.

THE BATH IS FREE.

CUT IT OUT YOU TWO, SHIMADA-SAMA WILL KILL YOU!

THE DANGEROUS
ONES ARE THOSE
WHO GRASP THE
WHOLE PICTURE
AND STAND
ON THE TOP.

I'LL
ATTAIN
WHAT I'M
MISSING...

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WAKE UP!

IT'S TIME!

MM-HM.

GET MOVING!

FORM A LINE!

S-SO COLD...

PUT YOUR NAME AND YOUR THUMB-PRINT ON THE BOOK. YOICHI WILL HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T WRITE.

ALRIGHT, ALL TEN OF YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS.

THAT'S QUITE A NICE DISPLAY OF SPIRIT, PEASANTS.

LOOKS LIKE THERE ISN'T A SINGLE COWARD AMONG YOU.

WEREN'T YOU GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM THIS?

WHAT'S UP, USHI?

SHUT UP!

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Editors, where are you?!!

I'll cut to the chase. The series in need of staff are:

Impossibility Defense (http://bit.ly/1kqD105) - we'll need a cleaner, a redrawer and a typesetter for it. Perhaps a proofreader, too, but I'll know that when we're closer to releasing the first chapter.

Nanba MG5 (http://bit.ly/z3FRQ) - this series escaped scanlators' radar, though it was popular enough to be serialised for 18 volumes from 2005 to 2006 in Japan, and to get a 15-volume sequel after that.

It's the favourite manga of an old translator of ours who's coming back from the cold, ritchen. We already have the script for the first chapter, and because it's webraws, we have a cleaner and perhaps a proofreader. But we'll need a typesetter and a redrawer.

Ichigoki (http://bit.ly/z3FKySJ) - I'm not sure about it. We could need a redrawer, but... it's hard to say. The first chapter had no redraws, and the ones after that had only very easy ones. So we might be able to make do with the current staff. However, if you apply to redrawing something else for us, it might be requested from you to work on this. But as I said, so far the redraws we've seen are elementary, and few and far between. And there's almost no bubblog. And since we'll be working with volumes, expect to be asked to work on this only sporadically.

Saru Lock - the rest of the team is complete, and we have a temporary redrawer. But we'll need a replacement for him.

Sprite - we need a temporary cleaner to fill in for bubbub while he's caught up in real life.

Impossibility Defense will take a few weeks to re-launch because we're waiting for raws. So successful applicants will have to wait a while before having chapters to work on.

This is our typesetting test https://goo.gl/wvJKjU

If you want to clean **Sprite**, we have a specialised test for that one. We'll take you if you can follow the instructions, use an action designed for the raws we generate on the sample pages and complete their cleaning satisfactorily, ie the process pre-paring any double spreads you find so that halves are aligned and the gap between them is of the right width for the redrawer to work on. The instructions, the sample pages and the action are bundled here: https://goo.gl/dokoqB

Applicants for redrawing **Saru Lock** and **Nanba MG5** can do the full test but leave out the pages marked "DIFFICULT": https://goo.gl/hroc6 .

If you want to redraw **Impossibility Defense**, I'm afraid you'll have to take the same test, including "DIFFICULT" pages. Sorry, but even though the redraws in that series aren't very abundant, they can be very tough.

Applicants should bundle their tests in a compressed file (ZIP, RAR, JZ, whatever), upload it to a cloud service and and either post the link in our home page (https://bit.ly/skC4aDk) or send it to me as a PM (Wrath at deathtollscans.net, Kendama at Batoto). We expect them to be able to do a chapter in a week (though there are no central freaks here, we understand real life issues as well as anyone). We have accepted GIMP users on occasion, but compatibility issues have gotten in the way in the past, so applicants must use Photoshop.

People with experience who want to bypass the test on account of having samples of past work with me, the test replaced by an actual chapter of the series they want to work on. This still means it's a test: if you fail, the chapter edited by you won't be used. It's high risk (having an entire chapter discarded because you didn't pass), high gain (working on something that will actually be used instead of a test). People without experience can't take that route.

I was going to suspend the invitation to new translators, in fear that we could see ourselves overwhelmed with scripts and unable to cope, but you know what? The chances of another hyperactive translator waltzing into our group are next to zero, so I'll let none the remaining projects we have in mind:

(I'm writing a personal summary of each one, but you can find chapters of them in Batoto and elsewhere. The links are for Mangaupdates series profiles.)

- **Psychic Odagiri Kyouko's Lies** (http://bit.ly/x6ZKAd) - seven mystery comedy by the author of **Liar Game**. Seven volumes published, only five chapters translated so far. Wordy, and the author is brany, so be prepared to translate complicated schemes on a variety of subjects.

- **Shounen Y** (http://bit.ly/jIsDMZD) - supernatural shounen that dabbles in metaphysical and ethics matters. Three chapters were scanlated at low quality, so we'd like to begin from scratch. Finished at eight volumes. Chapters aren't too wordy or hard to translate.

- **Hexagon classroom** (http://bit.ly/dtiowo) - a horror shounen, currently stalled at the original scanlation. A bit of a dark comedy, too. The current backlog is of three volumes, and it is finished in Japan.

We don't have staff for these. They are prospective projects. The first thing is to get translators. Once we get them, we can use existing staff to put together a last chapter so we can fish for editors. So we won't ask successful applicants to fire away at redrawing before we can make sure we can get steady releases. The pace in the beginning will be irregular.

Applicants can take this test https://imgur.com/THUGus.jpg You can alternatively ask to translate a chapter of **Suicide Island**, or we may ask you to do one depending on the result of the test. Don't worry, it will be an untranslated chapter, so the script will be used. And chapters are short, so pages max.

Please, listen to our plea.

The Internet, February 17, 2017

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Death Toll Scanlations

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